

Fact Sheet 1

Casper Resource Management Plan Revision



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What is the RMP Revision Process?

In 1985, the existing Resource Management Plan (RMP) was completed. Since 1985, the RMP has undergone many maintenance-related actions. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) requires the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to develop RMPs and to update or revise the RMP when appropriate. The approach to the Casper RMP revision includes building on experience, new science, and working with collaborators.

What Does it Mean? An Acronym Guide for the RMP Revision.

The Casper Field Office is undertaking a revision of its RMP. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will also be included as part of the revision. Fact Sheet 2 contains a guide to the revision process. Below are commonly used terms:

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) -

is our country's charter for protection of the environment. It requires all federal agencies to evaluate the impact of proposed major federal actions (in this case the RMP revision) with respect to their significance on the human environment.

Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) – governs administration of public lands by the BLM. The act establishes the commitment to retain

ownership of public lands, improve deteriorated lands, and manage lands to ensure productive capacity in perpetuity.

Resource Management Plan (RMP) – the purpose of the RMP is to establish goals and objectives for resource management; identify lands that are open and available for certain uses and lands that are closed for certain uses; provide comprehensive management direction for all resources and uses; and contain broad scale decisions guiding future site-specific implementation decisions.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – is one type of document prepared by federal agencies in compliance with NEPA which portrays the potential environmental consequences of proposed major federal actions (in this case the RMP revision).

Management Situation Analysis (MSA) – is an in-depth assessment of various resources and uses on public lands. The MSA Summary presents an overview of the resources, current management practices, and issues identified to date.

Scoping - is the process that federal agencies use to identify public and agency issues and concerns relating to management actions on federal lands. Scoping is the process of identifying the range of issues, management concerns, preliminary alternatives, and other components of an EIS and RMP.

Preliminary Planning Issues — represent the BLM's knowledge to date on issues with the existing RMP.

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